

**Virginia Board of Licensed Professional Counselors,
Marriage and Family Therapists, and
Substance Abuse Professionals
MINUTES
August 27 1999**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Department of Health Professions, 6606 W. Broad Street.

PRESIDING: Susan Leone, Chairman of the Board presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abigail C. Barnes
Timothy E. Clinton, Ed.D.
Maurice Graham, D.Min.
Ruth A. Hancock
Rosemarie S. Hughes, Ph.D.
Michael J. Kelly
Howard R. King, Jr., Ph.D.
Jack Knapp, DD
Janice F. McMillan, Ph.D.
Howard O. Protinsky, Ph.D.
Eric T. Scalise
Lynnette Lewis Shadoan

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Janet Delorme, Deputy Executive Director
Joyce Williams, Administrative Assistant
Lynne Fleming, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Doyle
Dianne Mann
Dave Price
Bob Storer

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Doyle commended the Regulatory Committee for the work it has done on the regulations. He spoke of the Virginia Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors' concern that the Board will require a Bachelor's degree for the Certified Substance Abuse Counselor credential. Additionally, the Association also does not want the Board to continue with legislation to change the Board's name to the Board of Counseling.

MINUTES: The minutes of May 14, 1999 were approved with corrections.

CHAIR:

Dr. Leone thanked Mr. Kelly for his guidance during his chairmanship.

Dr. Leone requested that the Board continue to study supervision. Dr. Leone also expressed a necessity for the Board to study "distance learning."

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF STATE COUNSELING
BOARDS (AASCB):**

The following individuals were selected to attend the AASCB Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado on January 13-16, 2000: Dr. McMillan as delegate and Dr. Leone as Alternate Delegate. Members of the Board's Discipline Committee will plan a presentation on discipline. Mr. Strosnider plans a presentation on false memory syndrome. Dr. Hughes will attend the conference as a member of AASCB's Ethics Committee.

**ASSOCIATION OF
MARITAL AND FAMILY
THERAPY REGULATORY
BOARD (AMFTRB):**

Dr. Graham will attend the AMFTRB's annual conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois in October. Dr. Graham reported that he is a member of the Ethics Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Ms. Brown announced that the Virginia Health Practitioners' Intervention Program is sponsoring a conference in Roanoke on September 16-18, 1999. Two Board members, Ms. Barnes and Mr. Kelly, are scheduled to attend the conference.

Ms. Brown reported that the Department has an automated telephone system for verification of licensure.

Ms. Brown advised the Board of behavioral science staff changes.

REGULATORY REVIEW:

Ms. Delorme announced that the Regulatory Committee continues to identify regulatory requirements that need to be made consistent.

Ms. Delorme also reported that the following regulations will be effective January 19, 2000:

Amendments to Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy.

New Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners.

Amendments to Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors.

Dr. Hughes reported that the PreNOIRA submitted to notify the public that the Board will consider continuing education and inactive licensure requirements for licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed professional counselors as well as require a jurisprudence examination for these two professions was not accepted by the Director's office as meeting the requirements of Executive Order 25.

Dr. Hughes noted that the other boards requiring continuing education have statutory mandate to do so.

Dr. Hughes suggested that instead of requiring a jurisprudence examination, the Board communicate with Board counsel to determine if the Board can require applicants to sign off that they have read and understood the Standards of Practice.

Dr. Hughes recommended that the Board set regulations to accommodate those individuals who are not actively practicing, but may want to continue to have their license.

LEGISLATION:

Ms. Delorme reported that the name change legislation has been submitted to the Director's office. The Governor will determine if this proposed legislation will be included with the Administration's package.

Ms. Delorme announced that the psychology professional associations will propose legislation to mandate continuing education requirements for clinical psychologists. The Board of Psychology will meet with association representatives to assure there is a consensus regarding what will be required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Regulatory Review

Dr. Hughes reported that the Regulatory Committee has completed some sections of all of the regulations that the Committee has been preparing for consistency. The Regulatory Committee requests the Board's other Committees to review specific sections that are pertinent to their responsibility.

Dr. Hughes reported that the Committee has a working draft of proposed revisions to the Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors. The major recommendation will be to require a Bachelor's degree for this

certification. These proposed regulations will be presented to the Board at its November meeting.

The Committee also is recommending three options to set the requirements for the substance abuse treatment practitioner “grandfathering.”

Certified Substance Abuse Counselors who must:

1. have a 40 hour Master’s degree in Human Services or a related field;
have five years experience in substance abuse treatment;
submit three comprehensive reports from licensed professionals;
take the examination.
This option will be in effect for one year after the effective date of the regulations.
2. have a bachelor’s degree and have completed 21 credit hours (nine hours in techniques, abnormal behavior and appraisal);
have 10 years experience in substance abuse treatment;
submit three comprehensive reports from licensed professionals;
take the examination.
This option will be in effect for three years after the effective date of the regulations.
3. have been practicing 20 years or more;
have been clinical supervisors for five years or more;
submit three very detailed reports from licensed professionals;
take the examination.
This option will be in effect for one year after the effective date of the regulations.

Discipline

Dr, McMillan reported that the Board has seven cases in Enforcement and zero cases at Board level. She further reported that four informal conferences were held since the last Board meeting. There will be one reinstatement hearing held on September 20. One licensee is on probation.

Examination

Dr. Graham reported that 55 individuals were administered the professional counseling examination on April 24th. Forty-four persons (80%) passed and 11 (20%) failed.

Dr. Graham reported that two individuals were administered the marriage and family therapist examination on May 14th. Both individuals passed.

Dr. Graham reported that 58 individuals were administered the substance abuse counselor examination on April 24th. Forty-five persons (78%) passed and 13 (22%) failed.

Dr. Graham reported that four individuals were administered the rehabilitation provider examination on April 24th. Three persons (75%) passed and one (25%) failed.

Credentials Committee

Dr. King reported on the credentials reviewed as follows:

2 marriage and family therapy applications were reviewed:

1 was approved

1 was not approved

7 professional counselor applications were reviewed

3 were approved

4 were not approved

2 requests to register supervision for the professional counselor license were reviewed and were not approved.

The Committee recommended that the Board study distance learning and video taped education programs and set a position on these type programs.

Public Relations Committee

Mr. Scalise asked for articles for the newsletter. A newsletter may be published in late September. Mr. Scalise also announced that a newsletter may be published on the Internet in the winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board meetings will be held on the following dates in the year 2000:

February 18
May 3,4,and 5
August 25
November 17.

Board staff will present some locations for the May retreat at the Board's November meeting.

Dr. Leone recommended that this Board select Mr. Kelly as an interim monitor to the Board of health Professionals (BHP) until the Governor appoints a member of this Board. It was noted that Mr. Kelly would not be able to vote for this Board because his selection was not a gubernatorial appointment. A motion was made by Dr. Hughes and seconded by Ms. Barnes that Dr. Leone write a letter to the Governor requesting that Mr. Kelly be appointed as the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Substance Abuse Professionals' designated representative to the Board of Health Professions. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nicholas Vac, University of North Carolina Professor and consultant to the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), and Shawn O'Brien, Examination Coordinator for NBCC appeared before the Board to solicit the Board's use of the National Counselor Certification Examination.

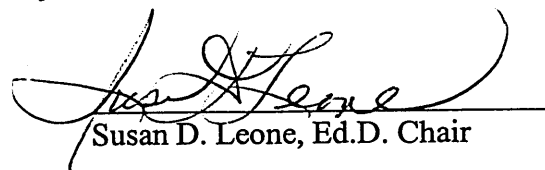
After NBCC's presentation Dr. Leone requested that this Board's Examination Committee study the issue further and requested that Board members send any comments or questions directly to the Examination Committee.

NAME CHANGE:

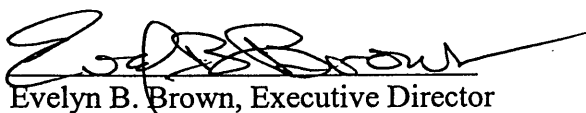
The Board revisited the name change of the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Knapp and seconded by Dr. King that the Board's name be changed to the Board of Counseling. A majority, with one abstention (Dr. Graham) approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.



Susan D. Leone, Ed.D. Chair



Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

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AMENDMENT TO MINUTES
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DISCIPLINE: Ms. Fleming discussed a process to expedite the resolution of discipline cases.

A motion was made by Ms. Hancock and seconded by Dr. McMillan to accept the recommendation of Ms. Fleming to allow the Executive Director and one discipline committee member to do the initial review of discipline cases and make a recommendation for action. If it is recommended that the case go forward to an informal conference, the case is forwarded to an additional committee member and assigned a hearing date simultaneously.

Susan D. Leone, Ed.D. Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director